



**Budget Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$20,308 in carry-forward grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps grant program and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01, to appropriate \$20,308, for a total grant amount of \$70,308, to purchase equipment and supplies, provide for conference attendance, training, printing, and volunteer credentialing.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$20,308 is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for Medical Reserve Corps grant program. The grant period is September 30, 2004 through September 29, 2005. No city match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Jones, Asst. Director for Public Health and Community Services, 972-5416; Marti Cascio, Program Coordinator, 972-6141; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: On September 2, 2004, the City Council approved acceptance of \$50,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

Background

The grant provides funding for a project to demonstrate approaches for the establishment of a community-based, citizen-volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit. The MRC will provide an organized framework to attract volunteers and provide them with skills needed to work effectively in emergency situations. The MRC will provide information to the Federal Government on best practices in areas, such as structure and organization, recruitment and verification of credentials, community-level partnership building, competency levels for effective action, training, risk assessment, and strategy development and planning. The MRC unit will provide additional response capacity during the initial hours following an emergency and is intended to supplement existing community emergency medical response systems as well as contribute to meeting the public health needs of the community. The demonstration project is expected to continue in the form of one final 1-year grant renewal contract beginning on September 30, 2005 and ending on September 29, 2006.

Council approved acceptance of grants totaling \$50,000 per year in years one and two, both of which were appropriated in FY 04. This current action appropriates \$20,308 in carry forward funding from grant year one to continue the Medical Reserve Corps plan that addresses volunteer recruitment, training



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and retention required to upgrade the public health preparedness for and response to bioterrorism, and other public health threats and emergencies. The startup period for the first year of the grant was several months causing much of the work associated with the prior year money to also be carried forward to this fiscal year.

Performance Measures

Departmental Goals

Protection: Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Maintain a public health emergency preparedness plan in coordination with other City Departments and community partners that allocates existing and emergency resources in a flexible and responsive manner to address public health risks in an emergency

There is no anticipated increase in performance. The carry forward grant award combined with the current year grant will provide the following units of service:

Outcomes/Outputs

- Identify and recruit 400 volunteers during the demonstration project period.
- Verify licensure and credentials for 400 volunteers during the demonstration project period.
- Conduct training for 400 volunteers during the demonstration project period.

Requested Council Action

Council is requested to approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$20,308 in carry-forward grant funds in the amount of \$20,308 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) grant program and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01, to appropriate \$20,308, for a total grant amount of \$70,308, to purchase equipment, supplies, provide for conference attendance, contractually to include training and printing, and volunteer credentialing.

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

5/12/2005
Ordinance
Health and Human Services

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)			
09/30/03 - 09/29/04	\$50,000		\$50,000
09/30/04 - 09/29/05		\$20,308	\$20,308
	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$20,308</u>	<u>\$70,308</u>
TOTAL	\$50,000	\$20,308	\$70,308
FTES	1.00	0.00	1.00

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Budget Office: Maui Date: 4-25-05

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$20,308 in carry-forward grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Demonstration Project for the Medical Reserve Corps grant program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$20,308 for a total grant amount of \$70,308, to purchase equipment and supplies, provide for conference attendance, training, printing, and volunteer credentialing.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk